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Applicants: Whirley et al.

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IMPLANTS AND METHODS OF
DRUG DELIVERY

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 21, 2005, a reply to which is due January 21, 2006, with a three-month extension of time, a petition for which is concurrently filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this submission.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this submission and include an attached replacement sheet is an Appendix attached following page 6 of this submission.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this submission.